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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT

REF: STATE 160314

1. IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT REFTEL, I SPOKE TO VP MUBARAK ON SECURE PHONE TO TELL HIM THAT VP MONDALE HAS DECIDED TO ACCEPT THE EGYPTIAN INVITATION TO STOP IN EGYPT EN ROUTE BACK TO US FROM ISRAEL AND THEN OUTLINED FOR MUBARAK PROPOSED SCENARIO SET FORTH PARA 2 REFTEL. I ASKED IF WE COULD OBTAIN SADAT'S REACTION ASAP. MUBARAK SAID THE PRESIDENT WILL BE DELIGHTED THAT VP MONDALE HAS AGREED TO ACCEPT EGYPTIAN INVITATION AND AUTHORIZED ME TO INFORM WASHINGTON THAT THE PROPOSED SCENARIO IN ALL ASPECTS (INCLUDING THE HALF HOUR MEETING WITH PROMINENT AMERICAN JEWISH COMMUNITY LEADERS ACCOMPANYING THE VP) IS ENTIRELY AGREEABLE. ASKED IF HE WANTED TO CHECK WITH SADAT FIRST, MUBARAK SAID THAT WAS NOT NECESSARY. HE WOULD INFORM SADAT IN ALEXANDRIA RIGHT AWAY, BUT HE WAS SURE THE PRESIDENT WILL BE ONLY TOO PLEASED TO GO ALONG WITH VP MONDALE'S DESIRES. WE CAN NOW PROCEED ON
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THIS BASIS.

2. I WOULD LIKE TO ADD MY APPRECIATION FOR VP MONDALE'S THOUGHTFULNESS IN TAKING THE TIME FROM HIS BUSY SCHEDULE TO STOP OVER BRIEFLY IN EGYPT. THE VISIT WILL HELP A GREAT DEAL HERE. THE EGYPTIANS UNDERSTAND THAT THE VP IS NOT COMING ON A NEGOTIATING MISSION, BUT TO HEAR

SADAT'S LATEST THINKING AND TO TALK ABOUT MATTERS OF
COMMON CONCERN. EILTS

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